

MARINE CORPS EMERGENCY ACTIONS CENTER
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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 040701 - 050700 OCTOBER 1962

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1. ASIA

a. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ADVISED CINCPAC THAT AN ARMY TEST UNIT WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN VIETNAM WHICH WILL INITIALLY CONDUCT TESTS OF THE CARIBOU, MOHAWK AND ARMED HELICOPTERS.

SGEN ROWNY, USA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHIEF OF THIS ARMY TEST UNIT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN VIETNAM EARLY THIS MONTH.

JCS 042241Z (C)

b. HMM-163 REPORTED THE INJURY OF A HELICOPTER CREW CHIEF YESTERDAY WHILE ON A RESUPPLY MISSION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH VIETNAM FORCES. LCPL MANSFIELD SUSTAINED A BULLET WOUND IN THE RIGHT LEG AND HAS BEEN EVACUATED TO THE ARMY HOSPITAL NHA TRANG. HIS CONDITION IS REPORTED GOOD.

CTU 79.3.5 040324Z (C)

HMM-163 040514Z (C)

c. CG FIRST MAW REPORTS THAT DURING THE WEEK 23-29 SEPTEMBER, "SHU-FLY" HELICOPTERS OPERATING IN SOUTH VIETNAM FLEW A TOTAL OF 562 SORTIES LIFTING 1987 PERSONNEL AND 83, 125 POUNDS OF CARGO. FOUR HELOS SUSTAINED HITS FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE HOWEVER THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL

CG FIRST MAW 040917Z (S)

1. ASIA (Continued)

1. CINCPAC RECOMMENDED TO JCS THE FORMALIZING OF THOSE MEASURES COMUSMACV HAS TAKEN THAT HAVE RESULTED IN IMPROVING OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS RECOMMENDATION INVOLVES A TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL FROM MAAG VIETNAM TO U. S. ARMY SUPPORT GROUP, VIETNAM.

CINCPAC 040220Z (C)

2. MARINE CORPS

a. CG FMFLANT ADVISED CINCLANTFLT THAT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT PHIBRIGLEX 1-62, AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED, THE RELEASE OF 30 HUS HELICOPTERS AND CREWS PRESENTLY DEPLOYED WITHIN COMUS IS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN 7 OCTOBER.

(EAC NOTE: PHIBRIGLEX 1-62 EMBARKATION SCHEDULED 15 OCTOBER WITH D-DAY AT VIEQUES ON 23 OCTOBER.)

CG FMFLANT 041624Z (C)

b. CG SECOND MARDIV HAS DIRECTED BLT 2/3 BE ACTIVATED FOR PLANNING AS LANFORMED 1-63 EFFECTIVE 8 OCTOBER 1962 AND FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 19 NOVEMBER 1962. REINFORCING ELEMENTS WILL REPORT FOR PLANNING 10 OCTOBER, OPERATIONAL CONTROL 19 NOVEMBER AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL AS OF 26 NOVEMBER 1962.

(EAC NOTE: BLT 2/3 IS SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE BLT 1/2 IN JANUARY 1963.)

CG 2D MARDIV 041353Z (C)

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3. MOVEMENTS

- a. BLT 1/2 RELIEVED BLT 2/6 AS TF-62 AT 041410Z.

(EAC NOTE: BLT 1/2 IS LANFORMED 3-62. STRENGTH:
77 OFFICERS, 1339 ENLISTED. LTCOL PAUL GRAHAM, COMMANDING.)

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2D BN, 6TH MAR 041540Z (C)

4. DEFOONS

- a. NO CHANGE

JOINT WAR ROOM

5. SELECTED ITEMS FROM DIA BULLETIN 3 OCTOBER 1962.

- a. NORTH VIETNAM

DELIVERIES BY SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS TO NORTH VIETNAM INCREASED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1962. TWENTY-FIVE SHIPS UNLOADED CLOSE TO 135,000 METRIC TONS OF DRY CARGO AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AN INCREASE OF SEVEN VESSELS AND NEARLY 20,000 METRIC TONS OVER THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1961. CARGO THIS YEAR INCLUDED LARGE AMOUNTS OF METALS, POL, CHEMICALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES WERE IDENTIFIED.

THROUGHOUT 1961, 31 SHIPS DELIVERED 184,100 METRIC TONS OF CARGO.

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TO BE RETURNED TO
EAC WITHIN 5 DAYS